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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Office Action mailed 8 December 2004, claims 1 and 3-11 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as prior US Patent No. 6,626,529.

In amendments to the claims made herein, the subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1. The subject matter of claim 2, previously incorporated into claim 1 when claim 2 was cancelled in a previous response, has been excised from claim 1 and made the subject of claim 3.

Claim 11 has been cancelled.

Applicant submits that these amendments ensure that no claims of the present application are co-extensive in scope with the claims of US 6,626,529 and that the present claims are therefore allowable.

As the double patenting rejection was the sole issue of the Office Action, Applicant submits that this response is fully responsive to the Office Action and further that this response places the application in order for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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